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The various state conferences are to meet this month. The dates selected are: October 5-6 for Minnesota, at Hauska; 7-9 for Iowa at Perry; 12-14 for Missouri Valley, at Omaha; 14-16 for Illinois, at Rockford; 19-21 for Michigan, at Grand Rapids. All of these conferences have arranged inviting programs. To local hospitality and the best liberal thought of these states the Unitarians and other liberals of the west are invited. This is the last announcement of these meetings, and if the readers of this are wise they will write to the minister of the society which is to entertain the conference the reader is within the limits of asking for entertainment. By attending these meetings our people give force and character to the whole liberal movement.

At its last meeting in Boston, the A. U. A. board of directors voted an appropriation for Rev. Fred V. Hawley that he might visit the state conferences and present the resolution adopted by the May meeting of the A. U. A. concerning local autonomy. The resolution read as follows: "Resolved, That the Association approves the suggestion that the Board of Directors request the board of directors of the Conference of the Middle States and Canada, the Western Conference, the Southern Conference, the Rocky Mountain Conference, and the Pacific Conference, together with the department, state and local conferences, which they represent, to consider, discuss, and report to them their conclusions upon the possibility and desirability of local autonomy and administration in the work of church extension." The far-reaching effects of such a method of work in our denomination can be readily seen by anyone at all familiar with the machinery of our body. As a denomination, we have reached a parting of the ways. Momentous days are ahead of us. It may mean a new spirit in our work such as shall make it more vital and progressive or it may mean defeat for new methods, in which case the old ones will again prevail. The old ways are not bad. Results produced under them are very creditable, but the time seems to have come when they are not adequate and when new methods must obtain if we are to properly use our forces. Mr. Hawley has an article in this month's News Letter which is really a foreword to his tour of the conferences.

Western Unitarians are likely to be highly favored one year from now. The National Conference will probably be held in Chicago. This was determined by a meeting of the Western Conference Board of Directors after they had been asked by the Board of the National Conference to suggest the place of the next meeting. The time of this gathering is usually the last week in September. At this meeting the notables of our denomination will be gathered by the greatness of the occasion. It is this conference that legislates for us as a denomination. The session of this body have always heretofore been held near the geographical center of Unitarianism. It is a distinct departure for it to come West, but in so doing it proves its national character. It will be our opportunity to show to our Eastern brethren, who will be in attendance, the quality and spirit of those who are upholding liberalism in religion in the West. It is not too early for our people to plan to be in attendance at this meeting. A resolution was adopted by the W. C. Board, calling on the state conferences to aid in securing a large gathering for this occasion. The reason that it has not come West before is that a fear was entertained that the gathering would be so small as to be insignificant. It rests with us of the West to show our interest in the religion we profess.

WHY CONGREGATIONALISM?

Pure congregationalism, or local autonomy in church government, seems to have been a distinguishing characteristic of Unitarianism. Had there been any power outside of itself to dictate the belief or polity of an Unitarian congregation, I believe it could not have produced such characters as Channing, Parker and Emerson. To develop such souls, there must be freedom of thought, speech and action, without fear of heresy trials. Life is ever expansive, but the tendency of organization and form is everywhere toward fixedness. There is,

therefore, a perennial struggle between the life that has alrady taken form and become fixed and that which is reaching out for new avenues of expression. Creeds, sects, parties, have always been outgrown and always will be. To keep the form of life as elastic as possible, is to allow the latest thought and feeling unhampered expression. It is because the Unitarian body has maintained this attitude toward all fixed forms and organizations, that it has drawn to itself virile and versatile minds and kept in the vanguard of religious thought and feeling.

Organization and centralization of power are, doubtless, the shibboleths of the present age. Trades Unions, giant corporations, ecclesiastical combinations, are all the result of a certain reverence for centralized power. It is not strange, therefore, that a group of free and independent congregations, which could never be tied by a common creed, should easily be organized by an executive body, appealing only to the generosity of each society and offering an opportunity to be helpful. As an expression of its missionary zeal, each church has been annually urged to contribute to a fund for pushing missionary endeavors. For convenience, such funds have been placed at the disposal of a board of directors, to be used according to the best judgment of its officers. It has seemed wise to this board to assist struggling churches and to sometimes pay the salaries of ministers and missionaries. After such work has been successfully accomplished, the organization feels at liberty to appeal to each local church to contribute to its funds, on the ground that it is the only power that is actively engaged in forwarding the cause of Unitarianism. The tendency of all this is manifestly toward the sending of every dollar raised by every church to the Association, and that all the moneys expended in each locality shall ultimately be sent out from that center, all the ministers receive their salaries from such association and be appointed and ordained thereby.

Certain effects of this growing tendency may be already marked in our Unitarian Churches. Many congregations now feel that they are but the benevolent creations of a well endowed Unitarian Association, and their chief responsibility is to keep on friendly terms with the same. Members of certain congregations have said to Missionary Councils, when urging that larger annual appropriations be recommended from the A. U. A., "They paid the first preacher who ever spoke in this town, they own the parsonage in which the present minister lives, and the church building in which our congregation worships, and they should be grateful that we are kind enough to keep the buildings in repair." I cannot see that such a group of people can rightly be called a living church. The members of such a society worship in a building that they care little for, which they did not produce, and their chief enjoyment in it seems to be in the fact that it is a neat bit of architecture, in every way successfully competing with the churches of their orthodox neighbors. Nobody need to work himself into a perspiration to make things "go" in such a place, because all that is really necessary is to make a strong annual appeal to a rich central organization, whose care and child the church is.

I believe in benevolence and that it is right for us to have a care for each other, but I think that the deepest and highest religious enthusiasm is to be found among people who have been enough in earnest about securing a minister to hunt for him themselves and take care of him out of their own pockets and build a house, however humble, in which they and their children may worship. I think the spiritual life of every church should be the first consideration. The best and most lasting results seem to follow a working out by each local body of its own problems and the finding or making a way for itself. I would not hinder the spirit of benevolence, nor have each congregation so absorbed with its own immediate affairs as to make it oblivious to the conditions and needs of the world; but there are other channels for Christian benevolence and the expression of a growing brotherhood than the annual subsidizing and pauperizing of church organizations. Following the loss of the spirit of independency and personal initiative, subserviency to the opinion of the powers that govern is easy, if not inevitable. Where local autonomy has been lost, and the source of supply is sought in a centralized power, the question soon comes to be asked concerning one's utterances of what he deems the truth, "Will it be considered in good taste and agreeable to those upon whom we depend?" In some such way has freedom of thought and speech often been curtailed and hindered and that which is the very life of man finally destroyed. The old Catholic Church certainly has missionary zeal. Her priests are not paid nor her houses of worship builded with money from Rome. Her ministers are seldom guaranteed so many dollars per annum from any central source, but they are sent out into a community to get their living from the people whom they serve and see that these people have paid every dollar that is required to build a house of worship before such house can be dedicated. Give me the religious devotion that is willing to worship, if need be, in humble walls, or confine its devotions to the summer time, when it can stand under the open sky, as against a company who will only go to church when somebody else has provided the house and made the way easy. It is

difficult to supply with ministers the churches already builded and paid for. People are appealing to the Association's officers to send them men, but the men are not to be found. It is difficult to find in any graduating class from our divinity schools, a single young man who is willing to go out into a place where there is no Unitarian Church and do what most young doctors and lawyers are obliged to do, build up a business for himself. The young minister asks that some association shall pay his salary for so many years, or that he be sent to some church who will guarantee so many hundred dollars per annum. This, too, probably is a part of the results of a certain loss of independency and individual initiative and it is a loss which cannot be supplied by dollars. It seems almost harsh to say it, but I believe that every church which cannot supply its own food and generate its own life force, could be dispensed with, without serious loss to the Unitarian cause or to the world at large.

A live crab will grow his shell; the dead one needs none. FRED. V. HAWLEY.

Chicago.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Brookings, S. D.—Rev. Rett E. Olmstead has moved from Decorah to this place to act as agent for the A. U. A. in South Dakota. Mr. Olmstead has heretofore visited Brookings once a month. Now it will be his headquarters from which he will visit promising places for our work.

Urbana-Champaign, Ill.—Sunday, October 18, has been set for the dedication of the new church in these university twin cities. Dr. S. A. Eliot, president of the A. U. A., will be present and preach the sermon. In the evening there will be a platform meeting. The minister of this society, Rev. Albert R. Vail, is to be congratulated upon the splendid work that he has done in so quickly establishing a stable and growing church. He writes: "The beauty of the little church is attracting comment throughout the two cities. Our people are simply delighted." The building is a duplicate of the one built by Mr. Root for our Kansas City church.

Kalamazoo.—The People's Church in this city has begun publishing some of the good things Dr. MacCarthy says in a monthly publication called "Pulpit Paragraphs." This is a splendid way to widen the influence of the pulpit of this church. The Church of the Messiah, St. Louis, has for some time done this with its minister's, Rev. J. W. Day's, utterances.

Jackson, Mich.—Our church in this city opened the first Sunday in September with a goodly number in attendance. The edifice has been renovated and newly decorated, the result being a great improvement in its appearance. Because they are so well satisfied with the work of the past year, the Jackson church looks forward with great hope to the church-life of the new year. James Hudson, who was at one time minister of our church at Brooklyn, Mich., died recently at Jackson. His illness was of only a few days duration. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. R. S. Barrow, of our Jackson Church.

Luverne, Minn.—Rev. B. A. Hills has resigned from the pastorate of this church, together with the ones at Rock Rapids and Adrian, which he also served, to take chrge of our new work in North, Mich. Mr. Hills went to Minnesota from the Michigan Conference. He will receive a hearty welcome on his return from his fellow ministers.

Milwaukee.—A service of installation is to be held by this socity for its new minister, Rev. Walter F. Greenman, Friday, October 2, at 8 p. m. The church is full of anticipations of successful work under the new minister.

Oak Park, Ill.—Unity Church is to be dedicated Sunday, October 25. Rev. S. A. Eliot, D. D., president of the A. U. A., is to preach the sermon. In the evening there is to be a platform meeting.

Minneapolis.—A call to Los Angeles takes Rev. E. S. Hodgin from the First Unitarian Society of this city, greatly to the regret of its members. Mr. Hodgin has been nearly three years with this society during which time he has worked to so much purpose in the church that it has greatly increased in every department. In the city he was well known and much respected, his influence increasing rapidly from the first. The Western Conference will miss a loyal friend with Mr. Hodgin's departure, but his reasons for going are such that his friends could not wish him to remain.

Monroe, Wis.—It is a pleasure to be able to report through these columns that Rev. J. H. Palmer has greatly improved in health. He will not again take up the work of the ministry, but proposes to go to Madison to reside. The Monroe Sentinel of September 2 contains his letter of formal resignation to his congregation and their reply. It is fortunate that Mr. Palmer closes his active career in the ministry with a church so appreciative of his fine ability and splendid character. His letter and its answer breathe the finest spirit of brotherhood and sympathetic appreciation.

Chicago.—The Associate Alliance will meet Thursday, October 1, at 11 a. m., with All Soul's Church, Evanston. The Philanthropic News Committee will report. The paper will be given by Prof.

Geo. A. Coe, subject "A Study in Mysticism." Box luncheon at one o'clock.

Field Notes.—The Secretary forgot to note last month an important event in which he had a part last June. This was the annual meeting of the Davenport Church. The meeting was largely attended. Great enthusiasm pervaded the gathering. Report after report showed the great activity of the society and received hearty applause. Rev. R. E. Ramsay was unanimously re-elected minister amid a scene of happy, hearty expression of appreciation. Mr. Ramsay spoke earnestly of past work and future plans. A feature of the meeting was the presence and address of Rev. A. M. Judy, the former minister of this society. In September the secretary preached at All Soul's Church, Chicago: Alton, Ill.; and two Sundays at Milwaukee. He also attended a board meeting of the A. U. A. and was present at the board meetings of several of our churches, which had problems to solve in which they wished his services.

Chicago.—The Conference Directors met at 3 p. m., Friday, September 4th. Present—Messrs. Hawley, Pulsford, Hosmer, Backus, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Delano and Miss Buck. In the absence of the president, Miss Buck was elected to the chair. The secretary read a communication from the secretary of the National Conference, stating the determination of that body to hold its next session in Western Conference territory, and asking that our board designate the place. After discussion, and the reading of opinions from absent members, Mr. Hawley introduced the following motion: "In the opinion of this Board, Chicago is the logical place for holding the next session of the National Conference." Seconded by Mr. Pulsford and voted. On motion of Mr. Backus, seconded by Mr. Pulsford, the following motion was adopted: "This Board urges the various local conferences to devise means whereby the coming meeting of the National Conference in Chicago may be advertised and a large attendance secured."

Owing to removal from our territory, Mr. C. L. Wilder presented his resignation as a director, which was accepted on motion of Mr. Hosmer, seconded by Mr. Hawley, and the following resolution voted: "Resolved, That by the removal of Mr. C. L. Wilder from our work, we lose one who has ever been faithful to the highest interests of our Conference. For many years he has served faithfully upon our Board and his going takes from us one upon whom we ever relied for his excellence in judgment and feeling. Our good wishes accompany him to his new home." The meeting then adjourned.

W. M. Backus, Secy.

"WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT JESUS."

A NEW BOOK BY REV. C. F. DOLE, D. D.

It is well that Dr. Dole's essay upon the timely theme, "What We Know About Jesus," which appeared a few months ago in the "Open Court," should be given us in an attractive little volume. Not only is it worthy of publication, but it also deserves a wider circle of readers than it can have had upon its first appearance. Dr. Dole is one who makes no claims here or elsewhere to being an expert in the critical study of the Bible. He is not such an expert; but probably no preacher in our fellowship is a saner or safer guide in the popular treatment of biblical themes that demand on the part of him who handles them thorough, if not inerrant, knowledge of the results reached by modern scholarship. It is even possible, and Dr. Dole has proved it to be true in his case, that he who is conversant with such results may press on and do a piece of biblical work that in its way may prove to be a real contribution to the particular question considered.

At a time when as never before Unitarianism is attracting attention and it is being remarked by those out of sympathy with us, and is at the same time being frankly confessed by our leaders, that we do not regard and worship Jesus as God, but rather accept him as an inspiring teacher whom it is our joy to follow in the main both as to the substance and the spirit of his thought and life, we should rejoice to see Dr. Dole's book in the hands of the trade and the more because it is not a voluminous monograph. We no longer think to send friends to the New Testament to discover for themselves the Jesus of our faith, for we can see, as the fathers of modern liberalism could not, that in the later portions of the Christian Scriptures the early church is revealed as having gone a considerable distance on its way in its supernatural exaltation of the Nazarene. Indeed, for that matter, we frankly admit that even the Christ of Paul's painfully artificial theology represents a wide departure from the Jesus of the earliest Gospel traditions. This Dr. Dole recognizes; and those who go to his volume for guidance in such study of a live present-day question will soon discover that the happy-go-lucky method of using the Bible in determining any Christian doctrine has been utterly discredited. Just here Dr. Dole very pertinently remarks in his preface: "The new judgment of the Bible inevitably touches the person of Jesus. We can not continue lightly to take for granted certain easy assumptions about him."

In his discussion of the "Problem" in the first chapter our author tells his readers why we must set aside the evidence of the Fourth Gospel. He also remarks by way of disparaging the evidence of the Synoptists: "There is nothing to show that, growing slowly out of traditions and reminiscences more or less

accurate, and possibly early bits of memories of Jesus' sayings, the gospels were not a hundred years in shaping themselves as we now have them." This fact, he tells us, should lead us to consider seriously what matter for solid knowledge we do find in our Synoptic Gospels, especially as a large part of the material consists in wonder stories or miracles. "Only a very few personal incidents, here and there a glimpse as of one passing us in the street, serve to reveal the real man." While as for his teaching Dr. Dole is moved to ask: "How many clearly authentic utterances have we from Jesus? What can we rest upon? What exactly did he do? What did he say of himself and his mission? What commandments did he lay down, or what ordinance did he establish? The answer to all these questions must be found," he declares, "if at all, in the study of a few pages of the Synoptic Gospels."

This discussion leads up to that of the second chapter which has to do with the "real man in two aspects." There are New Testament passages in which Jesus appears as a veritable son of man; while on the other hand there is the general portraiture of Jesus in the Fourth Gospel, a portraiture of which the Synoptic Gospels are not wholly free, which does not impress us favorably. "We are constantly disturbed by the language of egotism and self-assertion continuously put into Jesus' mouth." Yet with all their defects and inaccuracies, as Dr. Dole points out, it is to the Synoptic Gospels that we go to find Jesus' sturdy democracy dwelt upon. This part of his portraiture is most attractive and inspiring, but it is in strong contrast with such descriptions which reveal an offensive egotism.

Then, too, we have two kinds of teaching, as the third chapter of this little book reminds us. There are the beatitudes, the passages having to do with the fatherhood of God, and such parables as the "Good Samaritan," the "Prodigal Son," and those setting forth characteristics of the Kingdom of Heaven. On the other hand, there are different and most perplexing passages, as those having to do with the unforgivable sin and with the wicked who are most unmercifully and with not a little arbitrariness consigned to a world of woe, terrible and unending in its torments. Instead of assigning all this teaching to a later hand we may frankly admit with Dr. Dole: "You can not easily get rid of it and only save such material as pleases you, for example, the Sermon on the Mount. The same teaching is also explicitly in that."

In chapter four in discussing the question of the Messiahship Dr. Dole is not inclined to accept the conclusion of Dr. Martineau and Professor Schmidt, that Jesus nowhere applied the title to himself. We must sympathize with him; and we may thank him for reminding us of the fact that the absolute way in which Jesus endeavored to center life in himself and exalt his office is hardly to be dissociated from some sort of conception of himself as the Messiah. "No one can easily explain his very frequent assumption of some species of unique and authoritative character except by the quite natural belief that he took himself to be—I will not urge more than man, but a man appointed by God for a peculiar mission."

Let it not be supposed that the good doctor's work in this volume is destructive of anything of real value having to do with the life and teaching of Jesus, much as it must militate against old and still widely cherished views of his person. In his preface he tells us: "My intent in this little book is altogether positive, ethical and constructive"; and we must admit that there certainly is nothing in the book upon which we may put a finger and say that is the word of one who either is irreverant or insincere. True he expects us in common with him to treat Jesus naturally, as we treat all benefactors of our race. True, also, he admits that you can not easily make the life of the real Jesus interesting and persuasive to the ordinary boy, because after having rejected all the wonder stories there is a fatal lack of material, there is too little that is usable for continuous lessons.

We, of THE WESTERN CONFERENCE, may be glad that such a fearless and critically accurate word has been spoken in the East, while at the same time we may take some satisfaction in the thought that it was in the West that the MS. of it found a publisher willing and happy to give it to the world. One wonders if the American Unitarian Association had an opportunity to turn it down. It is hardly likely, for Dr. Dole with all his positive aggressiveness is a discreet man. EDWARD DAY.

Wichita, Kansas.

"In all modern history," says Andrew D. White, "interference with science in the supposed interest of religion, no matter how conscientious such interference may have been, has resulted in the direst evils both to religion and to science, and invariably; and, on the other hand, all untrammelled scientific investigation, no matter how dangerous to religion some of its stages may have seemed for the time to be, has invariably resulted in the highest good both of religion and of science."

"New stars appear and others disappear on the sky. New ideas appear on the mental horizon, and old ideas are lost. If a new comet appears on the sky, it fills the hearts of the ignorant with terror; if a new and grand idea appears on the mental horizon, it creates fear in the camp of those that cling to old systems and accepted forms."—Paracelsus, A. D. 1520.

DIRECTORY

A Directory of the Independent churches in the Western Unitarian Conference. The object of this list is to direct those who care to know where to find our churches and ministers.

Alton, Ill.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Henry W. Foote.

Bloomington, Ill.—Unitarian Church, East and Jefferson Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. H. Mueller, 506 East Chestnut St.

Brooklyn, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M.

Buda, Ill.—Union Christian Society, Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Burlington, Iowa.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Chicago, Ill.—Hull Memorial Chapel, Fifty-seventh St. and Woodlawn Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Unity Church, Barry Ave., near Evanston Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Fred V. Hawley, 2429 North Hermitage Ave.

Chicago, Ill.—Third Unitarian Church, W. Monroe St. near Kedzie Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Prof. George B. Foster.

Chicago, Ill.—First Swedish Unitarian Church, Wells Hall, 1629 N. Clark St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. August Dellgren, 767 Sheffield Ave.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—The First Congregational Church of Cincinnati. Reading Rd. and Linton St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George A. Thayer, 304 Oak St.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The Church of the Unity, Euclid and Genesee Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Minot O. Simons, 1916 East Eighty-second St.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—All Souls' Unitarian Church, Dale and Tejon Sts. Hour of service, 4:15 P. M.

Davenport, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Robert E. Ramsay.

Decorah, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M.

Des Moines, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Mary A. Safford.

Detroit, Mich.—First Congregational Unitarian Society, Woodward Ave. and Edmund Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Reed Stuart, 76 Stimson Place.

Duluth, Minn.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Gebaner.

Evanston, Ill.—Church of All Souls. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Vila Blake, 37 Ashland Blvd., Chicago.

Fort Collins, Colo.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Duren J. H. Ward.

Geneseo, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick.

Geneva, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Prof. Geo. Foster.

Gimli, Manitoba.—Unitarian Society. Hour of service, Rev. J. P. Solmundsson.

Grand Haven, Mich.—First Unitarian Society, Washington St., between Third and Fourth Sts. Hour of service, 7 P. M.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—All Souls Liberal Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. B. Bard.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Holland Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M. Rev. B. A. Van Sluyters, R. F. D. 9.

Greeley, Colo.—Unity Church, Ninth St. and Ninth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45.

Hanska, Minn.—Nora Free Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. E. Norman.

Harrietta, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M. Rev. B. A. Hills.

Hinsdale, Ill.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. J. M. A. Spence.

Hobart, Ind.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M. Alternate Sundays.

Humboldt, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. C. P. Wellman.

Indianapolis, Ind.—All Souls' Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Frank C. S. Wicks, 17 Michigan St.

Iowa City, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Robert S. Loring.

Jackson, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. R. Shaw Barrow, 508 Fourth St.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—People's Church, Park and Lovell Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Joseph P. McCarthy.

Kansas City, Mo.—All Souls' Church, Baltimore Ave. and Armour Boul. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Charles Ferguson, 218 East 31st St.

Kenosha, Wis.—Henry M. Simmons Memorial Church, Chicago St. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Florence Buck, 427 Congress St.

Keokuk, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. M. Rowena Morse, Ph. D., 704 Grand Ave.

Lawrence, Kan.—The Unitarian Church, Hancock and Vermont Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Frederick M. Bennett, 1201 Vermont St.

Lincoln, Neb.—All Souls Church, Twelfth and H Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Arthur L. Weatherly.

Luverne, Minn.—Unity Congregation Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Madison, Wis.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. A. Gilmore.

Manistee, Mich.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M

Milwaukee, Wis.—First Unitarian Society, Ogden Ave. and Astor St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Walter F. Greenman, 682 Astor St.

Minneapolis, Minn.—First Unitarian Society, Eighth St, and Mary Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M.

Moline, Ill.—First Unitarian Church, Sixteenth St. and Sixth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Monroe, Wis.—United Liberal Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Mount Pleasant, Mich.—First Congregational Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. H. Van Ommeren.

Neillsville, Wis.—People's Church. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Without minister.

Omaha, Neb.—Unity Church, Seventeenth and Cass streets. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Newton Mann, 421 N. Seventeenth St.

Onsted, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Ord, Neb.—People's Unitarian Church of Ord. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Pueblo, Colo.—Unity Church, Court and Ninth Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M.

Quincy, Ill.—Second Congregational Church, 633 Main St. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. C. F. Elliott.

Salem, Ohio.—Unity Church, Pioneer Building, Garfield Ave. and East Main St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. Irvine Innes, 181 Garfield Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Messiah, Union Ave. and Morgan St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. John W. Day, 320 North Newstead Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Unity, Park and Armstrong Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Dodson, 48 Nicholson Place.

St. Paul, Minn.—Unity Church, Portland Ave. and Grotto St. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Rev. John D. Reid.

Shelbyville, Ill.—First Congregational Church. Hour of service, second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 10:30 A. M. Rev. Jasper L. Douthit.

Sherwood, Mich.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M., alternate Sundays.

Sioux City, Iowa—Unity Church, Tenth and Douglas Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Manley B. Townsend, 410 Tenth St.

Toledo, Ohio.—Church of Our Father, Ashland Ave. and Prescott St. Hour of service 10:30 A. M. Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany, 4 Ashland Place.

Topeka, Kan.—First Unitarian Church, 918 Topeka Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. H. Jones.

Urbana-Champaign, Ill.—Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Albert R. Vail, 1109 West California Ave., Urbana.

Washta, Iowa.—Unity Society. Service and Sunday School every other Sunday at 2 P. M. Miss Carrie Hoffman, Secretary.

Wichita, Kan.—First Unitarian Church. Hours of service 11 A. M. Rev. Edward Day.

Winnipeg, Manitoba.—The First Icelandic Unitarian Church of Winnipeg. Sherbrooke and Sargent Sts. Hour of service, 7 P. M. Rev. Roegno Peturrson, 582 Sargent Ave.

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